

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 202

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A RESOLUTION to celebrate National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2021.

WHEREAS, established in 1999, National Groundwater Awareness Week seeks to highlight the responsible development, management, and uses of groundwater and raise awareness of groundwater quality and supply at the local, regional, and national level; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, the United States uses 82.3 billion gallons per day of fresh groundwater for public supply, private supply, irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, thermoelectric power, and others purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is home to the Memphis Sand aquifer, a forty-million-year-old geological strata that supplies Memphis with what many consider to be the world's finest drinking water and is perhaps the city's greatest natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Sand aquifer, which lies 350 to 1,000 feet below the city, is part of the middle Claiborne aquifer system, which covers approximately 7,500 square miles and is considered one of the best in terms of thickness, aerial content, and quality of water; and

WHEREAS, reportedly, the discovery of the aquifer in 1887 delivered Memphis from chronically unsafe and unreliable water sources, just as the city was recovering from the Yellow Fever epidemics of the previous decade; and

WHEREAS, groundwater is a vital natural resource that is essential to the health and well-being of humanity and the environment, and National Groundwater Awareness Week raises public awareness of the importance of good stewardship of our natural resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we join with the citizens of the State of Tennessee in the celebration of National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 7-13, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.